Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

Tuesday 4th June at 6:30am saw 63 eager Year 5 and Year 6 students and 4 teachers embark on what was to be the best excursion of the year! After a tiring 8 hour bus ride we arrived in Canberra, excited to start our adventures. That night saw everyone up on the top of Mt Ainslie looking at the beautiful view of Canberra at night. On Wednesday the first stop was at the National Film and Sound Archive which was made even more interesting with a fire evacuation prior to our arrival! The excursion then went to the National Museum of Australia, before lunch on the lawn outside Parliament house. We then went on a tour of the Parliament where we were fortunate enough to meet the Federal Member for New England Mr Tony Windsor. Each group visited the House of Representatives and the Senate and took part in a mock debate. We then saw how Canberra was designed by Walter Burley Griffin at the National Planning Centre. That night we went to Telstra Tower and saw what an awesome area Canberra really is and how wonderful it looks at night, and how cold it is. Thursday started at Old Parliament House where students gained a deeper understanding of how elections worked at the Australian Electoral Education Centre. We all then gathered at the War Memorial and viewed the many items and photos from the many wars that have been fought around the world. Students got to sit in a helicopter that flew wounded soldiers out from the Vietnam War and pretend they were in the trenches in WW1 and WW2. We travelled to a park for lunch where we saw Mr Scarborough and Mr Steele gate crashing a friendly soccer game! Needless to say these two had the best cheer squad- 63 students cheering them on! Everyone then entered Questacon, a huge 8 story building full of fun filled activities such as a lightning cage, earthquake house and of course the giant drop! The Australian Institute of Sport tour was led by a National Basketball and Volleyball player.

This trip was assisted due to the PACER rebate supplied by the Australian Government which allowed us to visit these very special places at a reduced cost to all students attending.

A huge thank you to Mr Scarborough, Miss Marshall, Miss Eather and Mr Steele for their enormous efforts during the trip and thank you to the students for being a wonderful bunch who represented our school with pride. What a memorable week!

SDD for Sunday & Monday

As families are aware this is the last week of term. Staff will be returning to work on Sunday 14th July to hold the first of 2 staff development days, the second being Monday the 15th. Students will return to school on Tuesday the 16th July.

Photos

Just a reminder that Thursday of the first week of Term 3 will be our school photo day. We expect that every child wear their full winter uniform. Please ensure that children are wearing correct shoes (black leather) and that hair accessories are as per our uniform code.

Envelopes for photo orders have gone home and we encourage parents to return those as early as possible to ensure prompt service from the photographers.

Education Week 3

Week 3 of next term will be Education week. There will be a host of activities involving student, staff and the community. We look forward to this week every year and can’t wait to showcase what the students of Oxley Vale can do.
Disco for School Spec
What a fantastic night we had last Thursday at the School Spectacular Fundraising Disco. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many Oxley Vale students enjoying this event and busting some moves. We are very pleased to announce that the disco raised almost $1500 to support the students going to School Spec this year.

We have received comments from many parents who were absolutely delighted with the way that our students represented the school at the disco. They were so well behaved and were genuinely having fun. It was fantastic!

We would like to thank Miss Langford for all of her hard work organising this event and also Mr Stevan Young for his outstanding selection of music that keep the kids (and several adults) moving all night.

Athletics Carnival
This Friday we are hosting our annual Athletics out at the TREC. This is a normal school day and we are encouraging the whole school to attend. Infants will be doing a morning rotation and coming back to school via bus at approximately 1pm. Seniors will be returning to school at the conclusion of the day. Parents will be able to transport their children home if they see the classroom teacher prior to leaving.

High jump is well underway in preparation for the Athletics Carnival this Friday. The senior events have been finalised and results will be added to the point scores for the carnival. In the event that the carnival will be cancelled, we will notify families as soon as possible. We will be seeking advice from Tamworth Regional Council Thursday to see if they will allow us to use the grounds Friday, if the wet weather continues. All notes for the carnival should have been returned to school indicating if students are attending.

High Jump. Last week our 10,11 and 12 yrs high jump event was held at school. We will be finishing the 8 and 9yrs + anyone else during this week or early next term.

There will be a basic canteen running on the day and we would love to see lots of families come along to support and assist. See you there.

State Hockey Representation.
Lori Edgar last week represented Oxley Vale as a member of the North West Girls Hockey team competing at the NSW Primary Schools Sporting Association State Carnival. Lori was a key member of the schools great win two weeks ago. Lori reported that the state carnival was awesome and that she had a great time. The NW team played really well and Lori enjoyed being part of the team.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking.
Last Wednesday Billy Russell and Bridie Martin represented the school at Tamworth Public. Both Billy and Bridie presented a prepared speech on Multiculturalism and an impromptu speech with 5 minutes preparation. This is really challenging and both students gave moving speeches. Billy read his out for the primary assembly on Friday and had the audience totally engaged. Thank you Bridie and Billy for being willing to consider these important issues and take on the challenge of sharing them in front of your peers and an audience.

Clothing Store Notice
Due to the Athletics Carnival, the clothing store will be closed on Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience. I hope you have a good break. If you would like to help out next term please come and see me. Regards, Jayne McCarthy Clothing Store Coordinator

Canteen—Athletics Carnival
We are asking for volunteers to help in the canteen over at the TREC on Friday for the Athletics Carnival. If you could spare some time please see Lani Davenport in the canteen this week. Could families please provide a cake or slice for Friday to sell in the canteen and if it is homemade could you please provide a list of ingredients. Many thanks.

P&C Meeting 26th June 6:30pm in the staff room. All welcome to attended.

Wild and Wacky! DISCO!
Naidoc Week
Celebrations at Oxley Vale Public School

Yesterday saw the start of our school's NAIDOC celebrations. The whole school joined together for an official opening ceremony. Our K-2 Boys Dance Group performed, Mrs Dalton helped raise our flags and we acknowledged the hard work of some of our students with the Greg O'Leary awards. Hannah Griffiths and Kaecia Beattie spoke about the meaning of NAIDOC week and why it is important.

Mrs Dalton then cut our celebration cake. It was delicious. Today Year 2 to Year 6 were visited by various community members who came to school to “Share Their Journey”. They visited different classes to chat about their life at school and to show students the many different pathways and journeys that we take after school.

Wednesday is RED, BLACK, YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN and WHITE day. Everyone is encouraged to wear colourful NAIDOC and Torres Strait Islander coloured clothes to school. The Wednesday YARN-UP Group will be providing a free BBQ sausage lunch for students. If your children don’t like sausage sandwiches please pack lunch as normal.

On Thursday the Tamworth Regional Gallery will be visiting with an Indigenous Artist to visit and work with some students from Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. The artworks produced will be put into an exhibition at Ray Walsh House. Other students will be working on a NAIDOC banner which will be put on display in our school hall.

WHAT’S IN THE BOX?
The Chaplain’s Spot

Last week a number of our Stage 1 classes opened their lunchboxes to see what the students had brought to school that day – it was a very interesting “lunchbox survey”! The students used the information they collected to work on graphing (part of their mathematics classwork). Each student was also offered the chance to swap one item of “fast food” or heavily processed snack food for a piece of fresh fruit. Those that swapped got their original snack back at the end of the day but enjoyed something delicious and healthy for fruit break.

Here are some of the things we discovered:

One in three of the students came to school without a sandwich or lunch order.

There were more packets of biscuits than anything else in our lunchboxes.

There were 4 pieces of fast, processed snack food for every piece of fruit.

90% of our students swapped a packet of chips or biscuits or similar for a piece of fruit when given the chance.

One student came to school with 7 muesli bars! That’s about 1000 calories, more than ½ of what they need for the entire day!

Those students will get a chance to look and talk more about healthy eating and good food choices next term.
**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2**

**June**
- Mon-Fri 24-28th: NAIDOC Week
- Fri 28th: Athletics Carnival
- Fri 28th: Last Day Term

**Term 3**
- July
  - Mon 15th: Staff Development
  - Tues 16th: Students Return
  - Thurs 18th: Photo Day
  - Fri 19th: State Cross Country
  - Mon 29th: Education Week

**September**
- Mon-Tues 9-10th: Dubbo Excursion

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**DATES:** 1/7/13 – 4/7/13

**VENUE:** Tamworth Tennis Club.

**TIME:** 9am – 12pm daily.

**COST:** $80 per person.

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**CAMP 2**

**DATES:** 8/7/13 – 11/7/13

**VENUE:** Tamworth Tennis Club.

**TIME:** 9am – 12pm daily.

**COST:** $80 per person half day.